

Walthall House
Newbern, Alabama
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DISTRICT NO. 16

Historic American Buildings Survey
E. Walter Burkhardt, District Officer
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WALTHALL HOUSE
Newbern, Hale County, Alabama.

Ownership:

Present Owner: Mrs. Richard Booker Walthall Jr.

Previous Owners: Mrs. Richard Booker Walthall.

Date of Erection: 1854 - 1856.

Architect: Unknown.

Builder: Mrs. Richard B. Walthall.

Present Condition: Splendid state of repair.

Number of Stories: One.

Materials of Construction: One story frame; wood siding;
wood porch to the front.

Other Existing Records:

See: Birmingham News, December 8, 1935.

"BEAUTY HIDES IN POST OAK COUNTRY"
By Varian Fears, (Mrs. M. W. Burkhardt,)

Additional Data: Richard Booker Walthall, was born May 19, 1794, in Amelia County Virginia, moved to Perry County, Alabama 1819, built a log cabin there, and later the mansion.

A number of historians record his services to Alabama, and none of them fail to commend him as possessed, of the manliest traits of character, the highest sense of honor, and of talents, and energy conspicuous.

On the main thoroughfare of the village sits an ante-bellum cottage of decided Greek Revival aspect. It is placed on a slight rise. Within is a park shaded by cedars, pines and oaks. Here live the kinfolk of Richard B. Walthall.

It was built by Mrs. ^{Robert Kennon} Richard Booker Walthall, between the years, 1854 - 1856, she having moved in from the old mansion in the country, at the death of her husband. The home is built in a plan to embody a womans sense of convenience.

A wide veranda skirts the front, paneled pilasters adorn the corners and the entrance. A double gallery services the rear, the eight inch siding is as sound as the day it was put in. At one time a gallery, latticed, connected with a dining room and a separate kitchen. This, today, has been moved and the more modern kitchen and dining room lined up with the house proper, has been put in effect. The old smoke house still stands.

The interior place has a wide central hall, with four 20 X 20 rooms connected therewith. To the rear are another group of smaller rooms. The windows are four panels wide and reach from the ceiling to the floor.

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